

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-929

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Parsonage Lot

2. Location

street & number Bellevue Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Royal Oak ☐ vicinity of congressional district 2

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Albert G. and Carol J. Kilmon

street & number Box 111 telephone no.: 745-9064

city, town Royal Oak state and zip code MD 21662

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 498

street & number folio 106

city, town Easton state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Parsonage Lot is located on the east side of Bellevue Road in Royal Oak, Talbot County, Maryland. This house is the first structure on the east side of Bellevue Road to the south of its intersection with Royal Oak Road. The house faces west.

Built in 1903, this two-story, two bay, frame structure is sheathed in blue, asbestos shingles. The low, pyramidal roof is covered with tin and the foundation consists of brick piers. The house is finished with a wide roof overhang.

The east (main) elevation has a full width screened porch with turned supports across the first floor. Square post balusters exist on the northern and southern ends of the porch. The original narrow weatherboard siding is exposed on the wall area of the house sheltered by this porch. The first floor is pierced by an ornate single light over multi-panel entrance door with a four light transom and three light sidelights. The glass of this single light is etched with the figure of a woman. A set of two narrow floor to ceiling one-over-one sash windows with wide, white surrounds lights this first floor. The second floor is lit by two sets of two one-over-one sash windows with wide yellow trim.

The north elevation has as its eastern most bay a two-story, three-sided projection lit on the central bay by two-over-two sash windows, and on the remaining two bays by one-over-one sash windows. The first and second floors of the western bay are lit by one two-over-two sash window with narrow, yellow surrounds. Projecting to the east is a smaller scale, two-story addition lit on the second floor by one two-over-two sash window with narrow, yellow surrounds. The first floor of this addition is covered by a one-story shed roof addition supported by a cinderblock foundation. The east side of this one-story addition is lit by a set of two one-light windows and pierced by an air conditioning unit. The east side of this addition is pierced by a single-light over two-panel door which opens onto a wooden deck.

The east elevation is a blind gable end with an exterior cinderblock chimney abutting an interior brick chimney which pierces the roof of this wing. A shed roof addition which extends to the north is lit on this side by one four-panel door with a two-light transom and one eight-over-one sash window.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Bernice Leonard writes about this property in Twig and Turf III. In 1845 Robert and Emma Banning Jr. leased the corner lot of this property, which fronts on Royal Oak Road, to Richard Benson, a shoemaker. By 1877 E. T. Benson was the owner of this property as shown on the 1877 Atlas. In 1902 E. T. and Eliza Benson sold the lot adjoining the corner lot to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Benson's deed noted that the lot was to be "kept and maintained as a place of residence for the preachers of the M. E. Church South."

The M. E. Church South in Talbot County broke away from the Methodist Church sometime after the Civil War. By 1877 the Royal Oak "Harmony Methodist Episcopal Church South" was built on the site of the current "Royal Oak Community Church" and in 1883 a house and lot were purchased on Royal Oak Road to serve as a parsonage. This second lot was purchased in 1902 from the Bensons as the site of a new parsonage. Ironically, the Southern Methodist parsonage stood behind the Northern Methodist Church which was dedicated in 1911.

The Southern Methodist parsonage was sold in 1960 by the Trustees of the Royal Oak Community Church to John and Elizabeth McCarthy. Albert and Carol Kilmon now live here and run an antique store in the nearby Northern Methodist Church which closed in 1947.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Leonard, Bernice. Twig and Turf III: The Royal Oak.
Decorah, Iowa: Anundsen Pub. Co., 1985.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Architectural Historian

organization Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission date 12/31/91

street & number telephone

city or town Easton state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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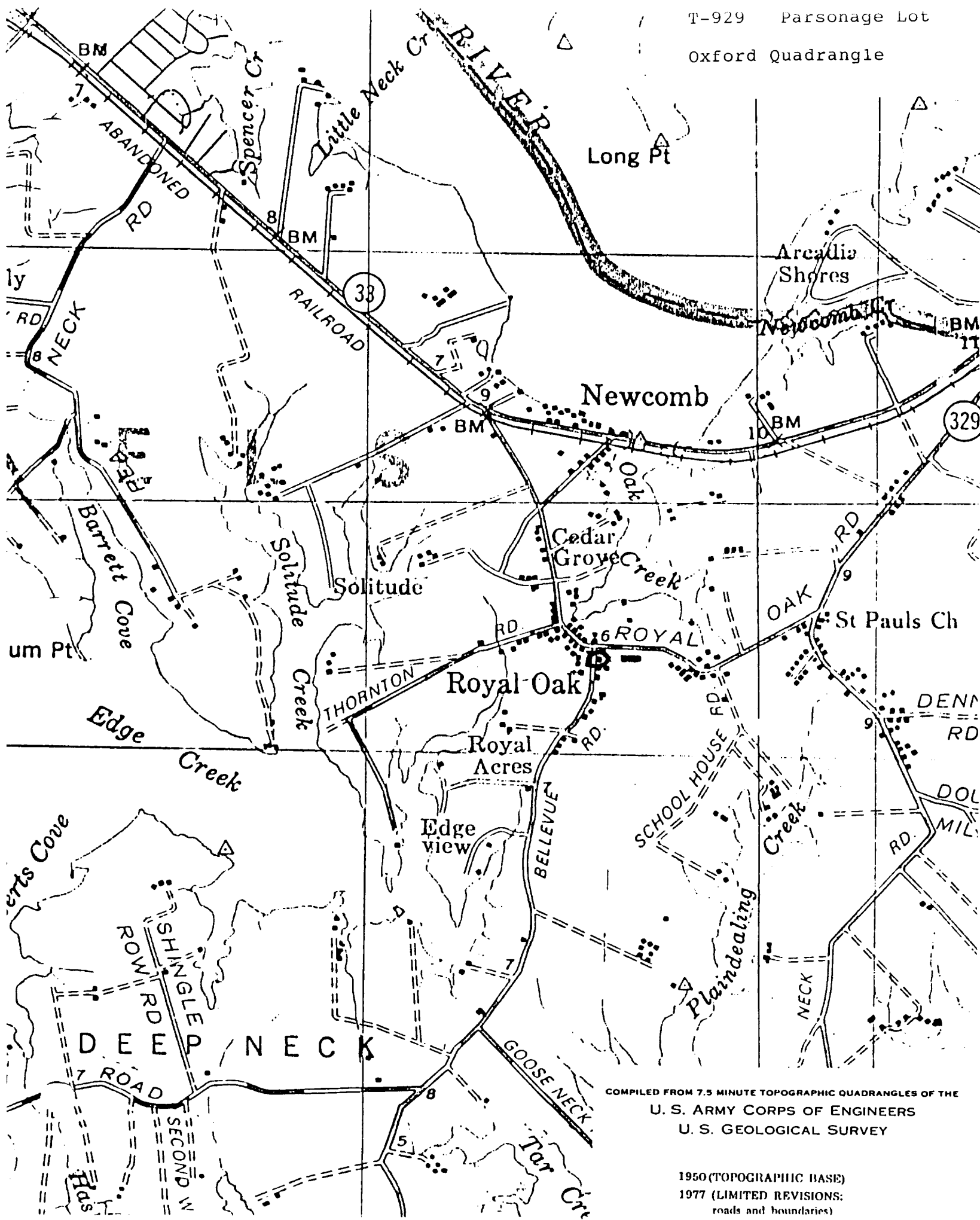
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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
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Parsonage Lot Description cont'd.

The west elevation is lit on the first and second floors by two two-over-two sash windows with narrow, yellow surrounds. The two-story, gable roof addition which extends to the east is lit on the second floor by two two-over-two sash windows with narrow, yellow surrounds. The first floor of this addition is covered with a one-story projection lit by a set of two two-over-two sash window with narrow, yellow surrounds and one four-light over two-panel door.

A one room, gable roof outbuilding clad in blue weatherboard siding and roofed with asphalt shingles sits on a foundation of cinderblocks on the property. It was moved to this site. This outbuilding is lit by six-light casements and has a screened porch which projects from the west facade. It is currently used for storage.



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U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

1950 (TOPOGRAPHIC BASE)
1977 (LIMITED REVISIONS:
roads and boundaries)



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PARSONAGE LOT

NW ELEVATION